

# Somrai language

**Somrai** (Sumrey), also known as **Sibine** (Shibne), is an Afro-Asiatic language spoken in the southwestern Chadian prefectures of Tandjilé and Lai. The speakers or Somrai are not bilingual; the language is not mutually intelligible with any other, as its highest lexical similarity with another language is with Ndam (42%). Most of the speakers, who call themselves Shibne or Sibine, generally practice traditional religions, Christianity, or Islam.<sup>[1]</sup>

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Somrai	
<i>Sibine</i>	
Native to	Chad
Region	Southwest
Native speakers	(7,400 cited 1993 census) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chadic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>East Chadic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>East Chadic A<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sibine (A.1.1)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Somrai</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	sor
Glottolog	somr1248 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/somr1248">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/somr1248</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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